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In re Application of)
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Christopher Peter TOWNSEND et al.)
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Serial No. 09/091,510)
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Filed: 17 December 1998)
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For: TELEVISION RECEIVER FOR)
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

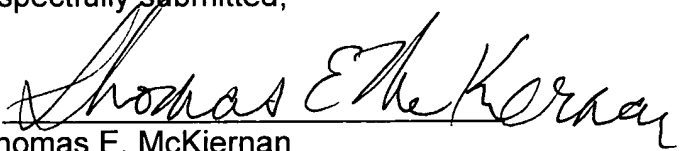
Dear Sir:

The Applicants point out respectfully that claims 1, 3 through 8, 10 through 33, 35 through 53, and 55 through 69 remain pending in the application. The Applicants presume that Group I includes claims 1, 3 through 8, 10 through 33, 35 through 47, and 65 through 69. The Applicants thus elect claims 1, 3 through 8, 10 through 33, 35 through 47, and 65 through 69 for further prosecution on the merits, with traverse, in response to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed December 3, 2001. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3 through 8, 10 through 33, 35 through 53, and 55 through 69 have each been examined substantively at least once, and most of them several times. The Applicants submit respectfully that such prior examination on the merits is evidence that there is no undue burden in continuing to examine them together. Withdrawal of the Election/Restriction Requirement is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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